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TOPEKA GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

TOPEKA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that six individuals were indicted on Oct. 6, 2004, by a federal grand jury in Topeka, Kan. Those indicted include:

Derek Dennis Young, 23, Salina, Kan., is charged with possessing with intent to distribute 22 grams of methamphetamine; using a firearm to commit a drug trafficking crime; illegally possessing a firearm following a felony conviction, and illegally possessing a firearm while being an unlawful user of a controlled substance, all of which occurred on or about Aug. 11, 2004.

If convicted, Young faces maximum penalties of 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine on the distribution charge; not less than five years and not more than life in prison on the charge of using a firearm in a drug trafficking crime; and 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000 on each count of illegally possessing a firearm. The case was investigated by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Salina Police Department.

John Henry Brown, Jr., 24, Junction City, Kan., is charged with illegally possessing a firearm, a Mossberg brand 12-gauge shotgun, after he had been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence. The possession is alleged to have occurred May 14, 2004.

If convicted, Brown faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Junction City Police Department's Drug Operations Group investigated the case.

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Timoteo Acuna, 47, Rockyford, Colo., is charged with possession with intent to distribute 14.25 pounds of powder cocaine on Sept. 18, 2004.

If convicted, Acuna faces a maximum penalty of not less than 10 years and not more than life and a fine of \$4 million. The penalty could be enhanced to not less than 20 years and not more than life, as well as an \$8 million fine, if he is found to have a prior felony conviction for a drug offense. The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Kansas Highway Patrol.

Samuel R. Moreno-Miramontes, 34, Longmont, Colo., and **Gerardo Trujillo-Chavez**, 39, Evans, Colo., both are charged with possession of five grams of cocaine with intent to distribute on Sept. 22, 2004.

If convicted, they face a maximum penalty of not less than five years and not more than 40 years in prison and a fine of \$2 million. The Drug Enforcement Administration investigated the case.

Jose Tabin Jurardo-Acevedo, 34, a citizen of Mexico arrested in Garden City, Kan., is charged with reentering the United States on Sept. 23, 2004, after being deported subsequent to an aggravated felony conviction.

If convicted, he faces a penalty of up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The case was investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

As in any criminal case, a person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The Indictments filed merely contain allegations of criminal conduct.